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Re: US Application No. 10/673,650
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Our Reference: CRD5049USNP0
"Rapid-Exchange Balloon Catheter with Hypotube Shaft"

Dear Examiner,

The following Amendment responds to an Office Action mailed May 16, 2006.

I appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,


Michael W. Montgomery

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